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Judge Rejects Hiss Lawyer's Dismissal Plea

Motion Argued in Chambers After U. S. Rests Its Case

By Newbold Noyes, Jr.,
and Robert K. Walsh
Star Staff Correspondents

NEW YORK, June 17.—Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman today denied a defense motion for dismissal after the Government rested its case in the perjury trial of Alger Hiss.

Government and defense attorneys argued the motions for two hours in a private session with Judge Kaufman after the jury had been dismissed for the week end.

In announcing his decision, Judge Kaufman had no comment to add to the bare fact that he had decided against the defense motion, which was based on a plea that evidence against Mr. Hiss was insufficient to warrant continuance of the trial.

The Government rested its case at 10:40 a.m. and the judge immediately retired to his chambers with the prosecution and defense counsel to hear the arguments on the defense motion.

The prosecution had completed its presentation in 14 trial days. The trial opened May 31.

The unusual procedure of arguing the motions behind closed doors was resorted to, Judge Kaufman explained, so the jury of 10 men and two women would not be influenced by newspaper accounts of the proceedings which normally take place in the absence of the jurors.

10 Minutes on Stand.

The 33d and last prosecution witness, who remained on the stand only 10 minutes this morning, was Benjamin H. Firshin, stenographer for the House Un-American Activities Committee.

He testified that Whittaker Chambers, the ex-Communist courier who has been the chief Government witness against Mr. Hiss, told the committee last August 25 that Mr. Hiss lived on Volta place in Washington, although the name appeared in the transcript of the hearings as Dent place.

In his cross-examination of Mr. Chambers, the defense attorney had made quite a point of this apparent error by the witness in his early testimony on Mr. Hiss' alleged Communist activities.

Had Denounced Hiss.

Mr. Chambers, who resigned last November from a \$30,000-a-year job as senior editor of Time magazine, had denounced Mr. Hiss as one of five Government employees who supplied him with secret Government documents for transmission to Russian agents.

Mr. Hiss, 44, former State Department official and president, until May 5, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, is indicted on two counts alleging perjury before a Federal grand jury last December 15, when he denied having given secret papers to Mr. Chambers and said he had not seen his accuser after January 1, 1937.

The prosecution produced a sur-

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Violence Reported In North Palestine

By the Associated Press

CAIRO, June 17.—A Palestine Arab Higher Committee official reported today that violence broke out in North Central Palestine when a Trans-Jordan mission arrived there Wednesday to turn over part of the area to Israel.

Villagers in the Nablus-Tulkarm-Jenin triangle area, solidly held by Arab forces during the Israeli-Arab war, staged violent demonstrations, the official, Emil Ghoury, reported. Troops of the Trans-Jordan Arab Legion had to be summoned to restore order, he added.

Mr. Ghoury said messages to the Higher Committee here reported unrest spreading into the area, part of which is to go to Israel under the Trans-Jordan-Israel armistice.

Mr. Ghoury gave this account, which he said came from reports from the area:

A Trans-Jordan mission composed of Said El Mufli Pasha, the Interior Minister; Rohi Abdel Hadi Pasha, the Foreign Minister, and Trans-Jordan Chief Justice Shaugartiri ran into demonstrations when they reached Nablus.

The mission retreated to Tulkarm, and found more unrest. Crowds there stoned the police station and the post office and attempted to set fire to the mission's car.

Demonstrations broke out in other villages, but without violence.

Gunfire Sinks Jap Vessel

HONG KONG, June 17 (AP).—Four survivors of a Japanese fishing trawler said today their vessel was shelled and sunk in the China Sea. They said they did not know their attackers. The captain and seven crewmen were killed or missing. The four were rescued off the China coast.

Czech Reds Place Archbishop Under Virtual House Arrest

Guards Stationed Around Palace After Two Priests Are Seized in Police Raid

By the Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 17.—Archbishop Josef Beran, head of Czechoslovakia's 9,000,000 Roman Catholics, was a virtual prisoner in his own palace today as the Communist government's war on the church appeared nearing a climax.

A reliable informant described the Prague archbishop's status as "house arrest."

Two priests from Archbishop Beran's consistory have been arrested and taken away by police after a raid on the consistory section of the archbishop's palace in which police tried to seize church records.

Neither priests nor laymen could get in to see the archbishop without undergoing a police identification.

The customary armed guard

stood outside Archbishop Beran's palace.

More significantly, the reception desk and telephone switchboard inside the palace gate were manned by secret police.

Two Associated Press correspondents who tried to see the archbishop were told by personnel at the reception desk that "the archbishop says, 'No.'"

At the same time a Czech in clerical garb was attempting to gain admission. The reception personnel demanded from him full identification papers and other data before they would consent to telephone the archbishop for an audience.

There was no way of knowing whether they were actually phoning to him.

This close surveillance of his

(See CZECH, Page A-12.)

Ministers of Big Four Extend Talks in Hope Of Reaching Accords

Meetings Scheduled for Sunday and Monday in 11th-Hour Effort

By the Associated Press

PARIS, June 17.—The Big Four foreign ministers have stretched their unofficial deadline to make another stab at reaching accords on a snarled-up Austrian independence treaty and a German trade pact.

Deadlocked today after a grueling series of eleventh-hour sessions, the ministers recessed until Sunday and set still another meeting for Monday. The parity had been expected to end last night.

Informed observers said agreement on the German question seems near. They said the issue has boiled down to East-West differences of principle.

Hope for some sort of agreement was bolstered by the fact that the ministers extended their meetings.

Rail Strike Continues.

The German question hinges on a trade and transport accord, over which the ministers have been wrangling for days.

The situation has been complicated by the 4-week-old Berlin rail strike, which is still on.

The Austrian treaty promises to be a long, arduous task.

Even if the ministers settle their Austrian differences, the pact would take some months to write. Probably it would not be ready for signature until fall, when the ministers are reported planning to reconvene in New York.

An Austrian treaty might widen the rift between Russia and Yugoslavia's Premier Marshal Tito. Tito's government has put forth several claims on Austria, which Russia in the past has backed. If the treaty is signed, Russia will have withdrawn that backing.

The West believes this would move Tito closer towards them in an economic sense at least.

Red Claims Still Barriers.

Furthermore, the Austrian treaty would help stabilize the overall European situation by relaxing tensions. This would enable the countries of Western Europe to concentrate more on economic recovery than on military preparedness. The West thinks economic health in their part of Europe is the best possible antidote to Communism.

The big thing blocking an Austrian settlement is understood to be Russia's claims for properties in East Austria that had been taken over by the Nazis and are now considered by the Russians to be Nazi assets.

French Colonel, Held As Plotter, Kills Self

By the Associated Press

PARIS, June 17.—A 50-year-old reserve colonel, identified as a follower of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, took his own life today in his prison cell, an official announcement said. He was held on charges of plotting to "demoralize the army."

Justice officials said the man, Jean Delore, slashed his wrists and then hanged himself at Sante prison. He was arrested June 3 with 15 others when police seized small arms and ammunition in buses coming to Paris from the provinces.

The government identified Delore and the others as followers of Gen. de Gaulle, but De Gaulle disclaimed responsibility. The government referred to the purported scheme as a "De Gaulle plot."

Delore was questioned yesterday by Capt. A. Missoffe, the investigating magistrate of the Paris Military Court. He denied the charges against him and was quoted as saying:

"I am a Republican. I have no interest in plotting. But for a long time I knew about Communist activities and I reported that danger to the proper authorities as no one seemed to be moved about it. I simply contacted some friends in view of preparing what our line should be in case of a Communist putsch."

Judge Refuses to Bar Removal of Phones On Gambling Charges

Holtzoff Acts Despite Failure to Link Them With D. C. Violations

By the Associated Press

MT. RAINIER MAYOR and police chief declare war on gamblers. Page B-1

Judge Alexander Holtzoff today refused to enjoin the telephone company from removing four phones from a Maryland address although the Government's 11 affidavits charging gambling did not link the phones with any gambling violations in the District.

In an earlier Maryland telephone case, where the telephone subscriber himself admitted most of his money came from gambling, Judge David A. Pine signed an order barring removal of telephone service from Nathan Miller of Avondale, Md. Judge Pine said there was evidence Miller used his phone to call known gamblers, but there was no evidence District gambling laws were violated.

300 Such Requests Made.

In the case decided by Judge Holtzoff in District Court today, the Randle & Crane Co., through its head, Larry Day, sought a preliminary injunction to prevent removal of four telephones in an establishment in the 6700 block of New Hampshire avenue, Takoma Park, Md.

In both the Miller and Day cases, United States Attorney George Morris Fay had asked the telephone company to remove the phones on grounds he had "competent evidence" the phones were being used to violate District gambling laws. More than 300 such requests were made by Mr. Fay as part of his antigambling crusade.

The Government presented 11 affidavits in the Day case contending the establishment was ready to place to receive horse race information and not a real estate agency. The Government sought to tie in the establishment with a race track ticker service in Maryland.

Counter Affidavit Offered.

Counsel for Mr. Day argued in a counter affidavit that there was no proof the phones were being used to violate District gambling laws. None of the telephone calls carried by the telephone company were to District exchanges.

In making the ruling, Judge Holtzoff declared that the plaintiff (Day) did not deny gambling in his counter affidavit; that he said he was in the real estate business but has no real estate sign at the address, no files and only one small room with a table and four telephones.

The telephones were used, Judge Holtzoff said, in making more than 120 calls a month to a Hillside number where a Government raid confiscated a ticker used in distributing racing information.

Judge Holtzoff, pointing out that he was sitting in a court of equity, ruled that the Government or telephone company in these actions does not have to prove illegal use of the telephone beyond a reasonable doubt, but the plaintiff has to show why an injunction should be issued.

Send a Kid to Camp

Kindness Motivates Donors To Build Up Camping Fund

It takes a child to bring people together.

That is what has been happening here as the dollars roll in to The Evening Star Summer Camp Fund.

The givers come from all walks of life. There are professional men and retired ones, men in the armed forces, children who want to share their own good fortune, employee groups, clubs and scores of other individuals and organizations.

All of them have one thing in common—the willingness to open their hearts and their pocketbooks so that needy children they never met may go to camp this summer.

Loyalty Pledge Called Revolting By Miss Coplon

Says Justice Employees, Including Her Boss, Agreed With Her

By James J. Cullinane

Loyalty standards established by Attorney General Clark were found "revolting" by Justice Department employees, Judith Coplon testified at her espionage trial in District Court today.

Among those who found the loyalty standards "revolting," the defendant said, was Raymond P. Whearty, assistant chief of the criminal division and her former boss, who is helping to prosecute the case.

Miss Coplon, white-faced but calm, looked straight at Mr. Whearty when she said:

"Mr. Whearty said, after he looked at the standards, that he would like to become a member of the American Civil Liberties Union."

Says She Signed Pledge.

The loyalty standards were sent to the foreign agents registration section and the internal security section where she was employed, Miss Coplon said, with instructions to search the files and prepare a list of organizations which would be placed on a subversive list.

"A number of lawyers and political analysts thought the standards were revolting," Miss Coplon testified in answer to questions by Defense Attorney Archibald Palmer. "The very thought that a person who, for instance, might have contributed to a relief organization which would be placed on the list, might be thrown out of a job because he had contributed, was revolting."

Miss Coplon identified a number of organizations on the subversive list as those which she had picked from Justice Department files. In almost every instance the organizations which she said she had listed as subversive were Fascist and anti-Russian groups.

Mr. Palmer asked her why the loyalty standards laid down by Mr. Clark were "revolting" to her.

Called Violation of Liberties.

"We felt those standards were violating American civil liberties," she said. "Mr. Whearty said he felt equally sick about the violation of civil liberties."

Defense Attorney Palmer asked Miss Coplon if she had signed a loyalty pledge at the Justice Department. She replied affirmatively and her lawyer asked if she really meant it when she swore on the pledge that she was loyal to the United States.

Insists She Is Loyal.

"I've always been loyal to the United States," Miss Coplon responded firmly.

"Is there any country in the world you want to go to other than the United States?" Mr. Palmer asked.

"A faint smile flickered on the face of the defendant and she said:

"Here's where you want to get married, have children, and die?"

"Yes," said Miss Coplon.

Miss Coplon smiled as she told about an incident in which she was shown a "top secret" FBI report on Soviet intelligence and (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 1.)

Wind, Rain, High Humidity Expected Throughout Day

Occasional showers, humid and rather windy weather which greeted District area residents this morning will continue through tonight, the Weather Bureau predicted.

Tomorrow will be partly cloudy and warmer but without rain, the bureau added. The high temperature tomorrow will be 82 degrees.

The Weather Bureau said the rain was general in the nearby counties, bringing an end to the drought which was threatening crops on Maryland and Virginia farms. The first light showers fell on Wednesday, breaking a dry spell that had lasted 17 days, and continued yesterday.

Yesterday the temperature rose to 80 degrees at 2:15 p. m. and dropped down to 70 degrees by 6:45 o'clock this morning. Today the temperature will rise to about 78 degrees and go down to 68 degrees tonight, the bureau predicted.

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Each year the Amity Club—a group of 250 professional men—sets aside a certain amount of its (See CAMP, Page A-12.)



In Tune With the Times

U. S. Has No Relief Emergency, Associated Press Survey Shows

Most States Seem Able to Take Situation In Stride as Joblessness Is Stabilized

By the Associated Press

Rising unemployment and swelling relief rolls have led five States to pass depression-style relief laws and at least seven cities to revive "work relief" projects.

But an Associated Press survey today suggested no national emergency. It found most States certain they could handle their relief load in stride.

It indicated joblessness has dwindled or stabilized in at least 10 States in recent weeks or months. It showed that, almost everywhere, unemployment insurance has been a "cushion" to keep most laid-off workers off "poor relief" until they found new jobs.

An inside-Government memorandum made available to the Associated Press supports these findings. It says country-wide statistics "do not reflect the emergence of any new crisis."

The report adds: "The current relief situation does not appear to be one which requires (Federal) action beyond that already recommended by the President."

President Truman has proposed Federal grants for "home relief" to match State aid to payless families, on the same basis as the Federal funds now used for the blind, the aged, and dependent children. Officials say it would cost \$330,000,000 a year, and more in bad times.

Non-farm employment sagged another 280,000 in May, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced to (See RELIEF, Page A-12.)

Hickenlooper Assails Oak Ridge Pipeline Project as Wasteful

But Pike Defends Switch To Natural Gas as Saving About \$1,250,000 a Year

By the Associated Press

Senator Hickenlooper, Republican, of Iowa took the Atomic Energy Commission to task today for going ahead with construction of a natural gas pipeline project to its Oak Ridge (Tenn.) plant.

He called it a \$10,000,000 project that is "needless and wasteful."

To that, Sumner Pike, an AEC Commissioner, replied that switching from coal to natural gas as the main fuel at the Oak Ridge plant will save the Government about \$1,250,000 annually, at present prices.

Mr. Pike also argued that the coal industry is subject to "quite frequent" work stoppages. He said it is "not the sort of thing one should depend on when one has a good alternative."

Article on A-Bomb Assailed.

The gas line project was brought up at hearings by the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee on Senator Hickenlooper's charges that there has been "incredible mismanagement" of the AEC under the chairmanship of David E. Lilienthal. He demands that Mr. Lilienthal be fired.

The committee got back to the AEC's affairs after a brief side-line excursion late yesterday that brought a general discussion of an article on atomic security in this month's "Nation's Business."

Mr. Lilienthal told the committee he thinks some parts of the magazine article may be a "violation of security regulations." He said the AEC will ask the FBI to check on that.

Mr. Lilienthal used such words as "inaccurate" and "irresponsible" in talking about the article, entitled "Is the A-Bomb Secure?" The article said, among other things, that the United States "should have" about 400 new atomic bombs.

Official C of C Magazine.

Nation's Business is the official magazine of the United States Chamber of Commerce. As such, a note says, it "carries notices and articles in regard to the Chamber's activities; in all other respects the Chamber cannot be responsible for the contents thereof or for the opinions of writers."

Its editor, Lawrence F. Hurley, refused to comment on Mr. Lilienthal's charge because he had not had a chance to study them. But he said the whole purpose of the article was to examine the

(See ATOMIC, Page A-3.)

House Hearings Slated To Start June 28 on Four Home Rule Bills

McMillan Will Preside At Sessions; Authors to Be First Witnesses

By the Associated Press

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES to ask changes in Home Rule legislation. Page B-2

House hearings on bills proposing a limited form of Washington home rule will begin June 28, it was announced today.

Public hearings on the subject will be held by the Judiciary Subcommittee of the House District Committee on all four home rule bills before the subcommittee.

Announcement of the hearing date was made today by Chairman McMillan of the District Committee after a meeting of the subcommittee, which he conducted in the absence of Representative Harris, Democrat, of Arkansas, subcommittee chairman.

Authors of the four bills will be invited to testify the first day. They are Senator Kefauver, Democrat, of Tennessee, author of the bill passed this month by the Senate; Representative Auchincloss, Republican, of New Jersey, author of the bill approved last year by the House District Committee but which failed of a final House vote; Representative Klein, Democrat, of New York, who is sponsoring a House copy of the Senate-passed bill; and Representative Marcanonio, American Laborite, of New York.

28 Seek to Testify.

The Marcanonio bill is similar to the Auchincloss plan except that it requires proportional representation in the election of the proposed city council and inserts in the bill a fair employment practices system.

Chairman McMillan said he could see no reason why the hearings could not be concluded in time for the House committee to act before the end of this session. He added, however, that this would depend on how long and how many witnesses testified.

He said 28 persons had asked to be heard and that it appeared that some of the testimony would be a duplication of what they had already given in earlier hearings.

"I hope we can avoid duplication in testimony," he said, "but if witnesses insist on being heard we will have to let them testify."

Study to Be Made.

The reason for scheduling the hearings for June 28 instead of next week, Mr. McMillan said, was the need for a study of the differences between the four bills. This study is to be made by the legislative counsel of the House. He said he had been advised this would take about 10 days.

Members attending today's executive session of the subcommittee, in addition to Mr. McMillan and Representative Auchincloss, were Democratic Representatives Abernethy of Mississippi, Jones of Alabama, and Teague of Texas, and Representative O'Hara, Republican, of Minnesota.

Laws of Probability Fail for Defendant

By the Associated Press

CHESTER, Pa., June 17.—John McCafferty, 46, arrested as a homeless vagrant, insisted the police were wrong—he had a home, and gave its address—714 McDivine street.

Today McCafferty came before Magistrate R. Robinson Lowry.

"Where did you get that address?" Magistrate Lowry asked the defendant.

"It's just an address," McCafferty replied.

"I'll say it is," said the magistrate. "That's where I live."

The sentence for vagrancy: 90 days.

Appeals Court Orders Dairies To Stand Trial

Upsets District Court Decision Dismissing Antitrust Charges

THREE D. C. AREA DAIRIES ask review of Virginia milk prices. Page B-1

By Malcolm Lamorne, Jr.

The Government today won a major victory in its long-standing antitrust campaign against Washington area dairies and producers.

In a 2-to-1 decision, the United States Court of Appeals overruled a District Court order of Judge Richmond B. Keech which dismissed in April, 1948, an antitrust indictment against the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association, its general manager and seven dairies.

Today's action cleared the way for trial of the defendants who, the Government charges, entered into a conspiracy to restrain trade in milk and fix prices.

A Justice Department spokesman declared that "we expect to take it to trial just as soon as a date can be arranged with the court." District Court would set the date.

The decision, written by Judge Henry W. Edgerton, asserted that the lower court "erred in dismissing the indictment as not setting forth sufficient facts to constitute a conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Act."

Dairies Claim Immunity.

The defendants had maintained they were immune from the charges by the Government based on Federal legislation concerning farmer co-operatives and marketing agreements.

The court noted that although two such acts—the Capper-Volstead and the Clayton Act—give "some privileges to combinations of agricultural producers," a combination of producers and distributors "to eliminate competition and fix prices at successive stages in the marketing of an agricultural product is not privileged."

On the question of the lower court's ruling on insufficient facts in the original indictment, the Appeals Court declared that the Government need not show or allege that prices have been raised or maintained at "high, arbitrary or noncompetitive levels."

Judge Miller Dissents.

Judge Edgerton's opinion was concurred in by District